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The health of the nonimmune employees of the Canal Commission residing at Cristobal is at present exceptionally good, no cases of yellow fever having occurred among them during the past month, and the number of cases of malaria having greatly diminished. This is undoubtedly due to the improved sanitary conditions, mosquito work, and screening of the living quarters. Strong westerly winds have also contributed to keeping the town comparatively free from the swarms of mosquitoes from the surrounding swamps.

A general feeling of encouragement prevails, but the efforts and vigilance of the sanitary department is in no wise being relaxed.

It is proposed by the sanitary department to keep the large numbers of nonimmunes arriving on the Isthmus out of the sphere of infection as far as possible. A camp in the Zone along the line of the railroad is to be established, to which the new arrivals are to be taken and where they will be held until they can be distributed to points in the Zone outside the cities of Colon and Panama. This is considered especially advisable in the case of the Colombian laborers, many of whom come from the mountainous interior.

Report from Bocas del Toro, fruit port—Yellow fever cases removed from steamship Preston.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Osterhout reports as follows: Week ended September 9, 1905: Present officially estimated population not obtainable; 2 deaths; 5 cases of yellow fever; prevailing diseases, malarial fever and yellow fever; general sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, infected. Only 2 cases of yellow fever have originated in this port this season. The second case was screened August 15, 1905. The 5 cases of yellow fever were removed from Norwegian steamship *Preston* and are screened in the United Fruit Company's hospital. The *Preston* cleared from Port Eads for this port September 1, 1905.

Bills of health were issued to the following named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage.
Sept. 2	Katie	Mobile	23	0	0	0
6	Taunton	do	26	0	0	0
7	Fort Gaines	do	20	0	0	0

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Reports from Callao—Status of plague—Smallpox on steamship Colombia and at Antofagasta.

Assistant Surgeon Lloyd reports, August 17 and September 3, as follows:

Plague, August 1 to 10, inclusive.

	New cases.	Deaths.	Cured.	Remaining.
Lima	2	0	1	3
Callao	1	1	0	1
Payta	10	7	1	5
Total	13	8	2	9